

## Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB944

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**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron**        Pollard

**3. Committee**    General Laws

**4. Title**         Separate gas and electricity meters in state-owned buildings and facilities

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

Provides that effective July 1, 2005, all state-owned buildings and facilities shall be separately metered for electricity and gas. The Department of General Services' Division of Engineering and Buildings shall monitor the amount of electricity and gas used in state-owned buildings and facilities to ensure that such buildings and facilities are maintained and operated in the most energy efficient manner. The Division may implement such energy conservation measures as it deems necessary.

**6.** Fiscal impact cannot be determined (see Item 8).

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** A budget amendment would be needed but the amount cannot be determined at this time.

**8. Fiscal implications:** This proposal requires that all state-owned buildings and facilities be separately metered for gas and electricity by July 1, 2005. The proposal does not define state-owned facilities. Currently, there is no available list to show state-owned buildings and facilities that need individual meters, regardless of the definition. Because the number of meters that must be installed is unknown, the fiscal impact cannot be determined.

The fiscal impact could, however, be significant. For example, many campuses use master meters for the campus or sections of the campus rather than individual meters for each building. The Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy is coordinating a project to submeter the buildings at George Mason University. This project has an estimated cost of about \$275,000.

The proposal also requires that the Division of Engineering and Buildings to monitor the gas and energy use in state-owned buildings. This would require additional staffing for the Department of General Services. Currently, the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy is performing a similar function.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** All state agencies responsible for state-owned buildings and facilities, Department of General Services, Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** None

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